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# Cityscene

A Report to the Citizens of the City of Fairfax



## DATELINE

### Government Offices Closed for Holidays

**New Year's** — City government offices and the General District Court will close January 2. No CUE Buses will run January 1 and buses will run on a Saturday schedule January 2; call 703-385-7859.

Trash and recyclables will be collected as usual; call 703-385-7995.

**Lee-Jackson Day** — City government offices will be open January 13 and all services will be provided as usual. However, the General District Court will close for the state holiday.

**Martin Luther King, Jr. Day** — City government offices and the General District Court will close January 16. CUE Buses (703-385-7859) will follow a modified weekday schedule, and trash and recyclables (703-385-7995) will be collected as usual.

### Curbside Leaf Collection Continues Through January 9

Curbside collection of leaves continues through January 9.

After January 9, leaves will be collected in bags or trash bins marked "yard waste" and must be placed at the curb on regular refuse collection days. Curbside leaf collection will be offered again in April for spring clean-up month.

Residents also may consider composting leaves; for information, call 703-385-7995.

**If you're new to the city, welcome!**  
Call 703-385-7855  
for a new resident package.

## Demolition Downtown Creates New Parking Lots

As the face of downtown changes, some elements will remain constant — such as the availability of fully accessible parking. While the location of the lots may change, the amount and accessibility of parking will not.

The city will demolish the Weight Watchers building next to Old Town Hall by early January. Plans call for the immediate construction of a fully accessible temporary parking lot on the site. The area ultimately will be converted to an extension of Kitty Pozer Garden.

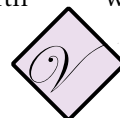
The city also plans to raze some of the under-utilized buildings to construct a temporary parking lot at the southwest corner of Old Lee Highway and North Street.

The Webb lot on the southwest corner of University Drive and North Street is expected to remain

open in its entirety for public parking until June 30; after that, parking will be available on a limited basis until construction begins on the property.

The city-owned lot on the northwest corner of North Street and University Drive is expected to be closed by January, and construction is scheduled to begin by February. That lot, along with the site of the former post office building, will be part of Old Town Village, a mixed-use project of restaurants, retail shops, residential condominiums and office space.

Parking remains available in areas adjacent to downtown businesses, as well as in the lot at the corner of Sager Avenue and University Drive. Old Town Fairfax remains open for business during its extreme makeover. For information, call 703-385-7930.



## Enjoy the Chocolate Lovers Festival February 4-5

Spend a weekend surrounded by chocolate February 4-5 at the annual Chocolate Lovers Festival.

Following are descriptions of some of the scheduled events; the festival schedule will be published in the February *Cityscene* and is available at [www.chocolatefestival.net](http://www.chocolatefestival.net).

### Valentines

— Buy a valentine and get free taste pogs. This year, the valentine features local artist Jackie Liedl's drawing of the Pozer Garden and Rotary Clock (pictured, above). Valentines, which include a coupon

for five free taste pogs, cost \$5 through February 3, then \$7 beginning February 4. Valentines are available now; call 703-293-7120.

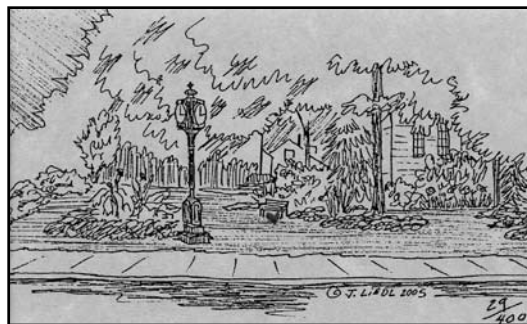
**Chocolate Pancake Breakfast** — Start the day with chocolate pancakes from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. February 4 at Fire Station 3.

**Taste of Chocolate** — Sample and purchase the

creations of confectioners February 4-5 at Old Town Hall. Pogs (traded for tastes) cost \$1 each.

**Chocolate Challenge** — View juried

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## NEWS & NOTES

### Keep in Touch With State Representatives

Senator Jeannemarie Devolites Davis  
(34th District, 2004-08)  
P.O. Box 936, Vienna, VA 22183  
703-938-7972 • (804) 698-7534  
[district34@sov.state.va.us](mailto:district34@sov.state.va.us)

Delegate David Bulova  
(37th District, 2006-08)  
P.O. Box 106  
Fairfax Station, VA 22039  
(703) 273-3557 • (804) 698-1037  
[DelDBulova@house.state.va.us](mailto:DelDBulova@house.state.va.us)  
Mailing address during session is:  
General Assembly Building,  
Richmond, VA 23219

Devolites Davis will hold a town hall meeting at 12:30 p.m. January 21 in City Hall. For information, call 703-938-7972.

Other state leaders include:  
Governor Timothy M. Kaine  
(2006-10)  
State Capitol, Third Floor  
P.O. Box 1475  
Richmond, VA 23219  
(804) 786-2211  
[governor@gov.state.va.us](mailto:governor@gov.state.va.us)

Lieutenant Governor William T. (Bill) Bolling (2006-10)  
900 East Main Street, Suite 1400  
Richmond, VA 23219  
(804) 786-2078  
[ltgov@ltgov.state.va.us](mailto:ltgov@ltgov.state.va.us)

Attorney General (2006-10) (to be determined)  
900 East Main Street, Sixth Floor  
Richmond, VA 23219  
(804) 786-2071  
[mail@oag.state.va.us](mailto:mail@oag.state.va.us)

**Shorten your wait at the CUE Bus stop by finding out when the bus will arrive. NextBus ([www.nextbus.com](http://www.nextbus.com)) provides real-time CUE Bus arrival information.**

Find out first! Find out fast!  
Sign up for eMAS,  
the city's electronic  
message alert system,  
on the  
city's Web site:  
[www.fairfaxva.gov](http://www.fairfaxva.gov). *see the city's web site!*

## Interest-Free Loans Available For Home Improvements

After many years, homes that were originally modern and efficient may no longer meet the needs of their owners. Those who live in older homes and are thinking of large additions to the homes, or thinking of modifications to make aging in place easier, may consider participating in a program that makes home improvements very affordable.

The City of Fairfax Renaissance Housing Corporation (FRHC), a non-profit organization committed to improving the quality of residential neighborhoods in the city, will make available home improvement loans of as much as \$200,000 with no interest paid by the borrower for the first two years. Interest on the loan would be paid by the FRHC during the 24-month term.

These 2-year loans are not income-sensitive and are available for mod-

ernizing or repairing City of Fairfax single-family homes built at least 10 years ago. Homes must display a need, such as exterior or interior deterioration, functional obsolescence or lack of amenities found in today's new homes.

The homeowner must reside at the property being renovated and must remain in the home for at least three years from the loan closing date. One quarter of the loan dollars may be required, at FRHC's discretion, to fund front or side exterior improvements to the home.

Since 2002, the FRHC has reviewed 229 applications and FRHC funds have been used to leverage \$13.8 million in loans.

The FRHC program is a permanent ongoing program for owners of single-family homes in the city. For information, call 703-385-7805.

## Free State, Federal Tax Help Available

City residents have many options for tax preparation assistance, including the Commissioner of the Revenue's Office.

The Commissioner of the Revenue's Office provides free assistance with preparing and filing federal, state and estimated tax returns February 1 through April 1. For an appointment, call 703-385-7884.

City residents may have both state and federal income tax returns electronically filed for free by the Commissioner of the Revenue's Office.

Electronic state tax filing, available to residents who qualify, allows the Commissioner of the Revenue to elec-

tronically submit Virginia Accelerated Income Tax returns to Richmond. If refunds are anticipated, citizens could receive them more quickly than if the return is mailed.

Federal tax returns may be filed electronically by the city upon request — including tax-due returns.

Tax forms are available outside the Commissioner of the Revenue's Office on the second floor of City Hall or from the city's Web site.

The Commissioner of the Revenue's Office reviews all returns upon receipt and makes corrections if necessary. For information, call 703-385-7884.

## Chocolate Festival

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chocolate art February 4-5 at City Hall and bid on chocolate sculptures in a silent auction. The \$1 admission includes a raffle ticket for prizes.

**Chocolate Capers** — Learn about the justice system February 4 at the Old Courthouse with the help of fairy tales, chocolate and the Fairfax Bar Association.

**History** — Tour many of the city's historic buildings February 4-5.

For sale at the festival and around Fairfax will be chocolate-related items, including keychains, teddy bears, cook-

books, t-shirts and more.

In case of inclement weather, a decision on the status of the festival will be made by 6 a.m. on festival days. Weather announcements will be posted on Cityscreen-12, on the Chocolate Lovers Festival Web site and on the Chocolate Line at 703-385-1661.

The festival is sponsored by the Central Fairfax Chamber of Commerce, the Friends of Fairfax and the City of Fairfax. Event proceeds benefit local charitable organizations. For information, visit [www.chocolatefestival.net](http://www.chocolatefestival.net) or call 703-385-1661.



# City Facilities Construction Continues in Winter

What once was simply a vision now is taking shape behind City Hall and the City of Fairfax Police Station.

At City Hall, the contractor is installing the building structural steel on the new 31,000-square-foot annex (pictured, right), and the exterior block work will continue.

When the annex is completed, renovation work will begin on the existing City Hall building.

The installation of exterior block on the new 32,000-square-foot police station on Old Lee Highway should be completed by early January. The contractor has started the installation of the roof framing. Utility

rough-in work will continue.

Construction on City Hall and the police station is expected to be completed this autumn. For information, call 703-385-7816. (Photo by Jerone Bostick)



## Christmas Trees Recycled in January

Put your Christmas tree to good use by recycling it into mulch. After all decorations are removed, place the tree separate from refuse at the curb on the regular collection day. For information, call 703-385-7995.

**Please consider the safety of city refuse workers — during periods of snowfall and ice accumulation, please prepare a path to refuse containers on private property.**

## Phone Books Recycled in the City

Citizens are encouraged to recycle phone books, and the city offers two recycling options.

Phone books are accepted year-round at the Recycling Center in the Property Yard, 3410 Pickett Road.

In addition, phone books are collected from the curb in February. Place phone books at the curb on your regular refuse collection day. Please do not place phone books in the blue recycling bin. Phone books need not be in bags.

For information, call 703-385-7995.

## Adopt-A-Spot in the City

Begin the new year with a renewed dedication to beauty by adopting a spot in the city. For information, call 703-385-7995.

**To assist citizens with refuse and recyclables disposal, the city has published *How to Dispose of Items in the City*. For a copy, visit the city's Web site or call 703-385-7855.**

**INFORMATION: 703-385-7995**

## Seniors, Disabled Homeowners Have Additional Real Estate Tax Relief Options

The City of Fairfax continues to enhance its real estate tax relief program for senior citizens and homeowners with disabilities, adding options that open the program to more residents and giving qualified participants a choice in program options.

Effective for 2006, the city has further enhanced this program by increasing the combined gross income limit to \$72,000, which is the maximum allowable by law.

The current asset limit of \$340,000 also is the maximum allowable by law.

All types of relief offered are granted on a sliding scale based on income.

Qualified homeowners may choose from the following program options:

- *basic tax relief*, which allows either full or partial tax relief;
- *tax deferral*, which allows participants the option of deferring payment of real estate taxes to a future date;
- *tax freeze*, which freezes the amount of real estate tax assessed in the year in which the taxpayer initially applies and becomes qualified; or
- *combination tax freeze and deferral*.

An information sheet detailing program options will be mailed with tax assessment notices in February. For information, call 703-385-7870.

## Proposed CIP To Be Reviewed by City Council; Available to Public

The Planning Commission has forwarded to the City Council its recommendations for the Capital Improvement Program (CIP), a 5-year plan for major city improvements costing \$25,000 or more. The City Council will hold a work session and public hearing on the CIP March 14 and will adopt the CIP with the budget April 11.

The CIP is the planning document for capital improvements to be scheduled for fiscal years through 2010-11. Copies

of the proposed CIP are available now from the Department of Finance; for information, call 703-385-7870.

Funding for the first fiscal year in the CIP will be included in the proposed budget for fiscal year 2006-07, which will be presented to the City Council for consideration February 28. CIP projects and funding in subsequent years are projections only and are subject to revision and approval during each budget cycle. For information, call 703-385-7870.



## Plan for 2006 City Events, Holidays

Mark these special dates on your 2006 calendar. For information, call 703-293-7120.

### Annual City-Sponsored Events

- **February 4-5:** Chocolate Lovers Festival
- **April 21 to May 6:** Spotlight on the Arts Festival
- **April 22:** Spring Cleanup Day
- **May 6-7:** Civil War Weekend
- **June 10:** National Trails Day
- **July 4:** Independence Day Parade, Old Fashioned Fireman's Day, Evening Show with fireworks
- **August 1:** National Night Out
- **September 9:** Family Fun Fest
- **September:** Fall for the Book (call 703-993-3986 for information)
- **October 14:** Fall Festival
- **November 18-19:** Holiday Craft Show
- **December 2-17:** Festival of Lights and Carols

### Government-Observed Holidays (city government offices closed)

- **January 2:** New Year's Day
- **January 16:** Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- **February 20:** George Washington Day
- **April 14:** Spring Holiday
- **May 29:** Memorial Day
- **July 4:** Independence Day
- **September 4:** Labor Day
- **October 9:** Columbus Day
- **November 23:** Thanksgiving Day
- **November 24:** Day after Thanksgiving
- **December 22:** Christmas Eve (observed) (offices close at noon)
- **December 25:** Christmas Day
- **January 1, 2007:** New Year's Day

### City to Launch New E-Newsletter in 2006

The City of Fairfax soon will begin distributing a new biweekly electronic newsletter via e-mail.

The newsletter will have information about city government programs, services and activities e-mailed directly to subscribers.

To sign up for the new e-newsletter, visit the city's Web site.

Look for more information in future issues of the *Cityscene* or on the city's Web site.

## Dog Licenses Due February 1

City dog licenses for 2006 are available for \$5 for spayed or neutered dogs and \$10 for unaltered dogs. All dogs age 4 months and older must be licensed and vaccinated against rabies.

Any dog not wearing a 2006 license tag by February 1 will be in violation of City Code, and owners will be subject to a fine.

The number of dogs allowed on a property depends on the size of the lot. For information, call 703-385-7820.

To obtain a license, owners must present a valid rabies certificate for each dog. Also, if applicable, residents must present

a neutered/spayed certificate from the dog's veterinarian (required for first-time licenses only).

Licenses may be purchased in person at the Treasurer's Office (City Hall, Room 208). Or, fill out the form below and mail it with the certificate(s) (which will be returned with the license) and the proper fee. This form also is available on the city's Web site.

License renewal forms for dogs currently licensed in the city were mailed to dog owners in December 2005. For information, call 703-385-7900.

For information on animal laws, call animal control at 703-385-7924.



### City of Fairfax Dog License Form

Mail to: City of Fairfax Treasurer's Office, 10455 Armstrong Street, Fairfax, VA 22030

Have you previously licensed a dog in the city? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Enclose the certificate(s) and proper fee (\$5 for each spayed or neutered dog and \$10 for each unaltered dog). Make check payable to the City of Fairfax.

Owner's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (H) \_\_\_\_\_

(W) \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Dog \_\_\_\_\_ Breed \_\_\_\_\_ Color \_\_\_\_\_

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clip and mail!

### Volunteers Sought for City Advisory Boards

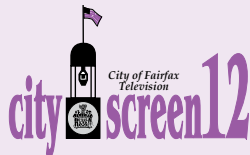
- **Board of Architectural Review** — hears requests for new construction, alteration or significant landscaping in the Historic, Transition and Architectural Control Districts. Also reviews signage in the Historic and Transition Districts and some multi-tenant buildings and centers in the Architectural Control District. Meets first and third Wednesdays of the month.
- **Commission for Women** — identifies and advocates for the needs of women in the City. Promotes programs to increase awareness and provide services to the community. Open to men and women. Meets the third Tuesday of the month.
- **Community Appearance Committee** — coordinates the city's Adopt-a-Spot program, clean-up month/day programs, commercial, residential and holiday decoration award programs. Meets fourth Thursday of the month.

**Each board has one vacancy and incumbents do not wish reappointment.**

**Applicants must be registered voters and have lived in the city for at least one year.**

**Submit letters of interest by January 30 to City Clerk Melanie Burrell.**

**Vacancies are subject to change. For information, call 703-385-7935.**



# JANUARY CABLE SCHEDULE

## **Let's Talk City... at 7 pm Thursdays**

Join Mayor Robert F. Lederer as he talks with City Councilmembers, the community and city staff about current topics of interest.

Through January 12, the show will feature Councilmembers Joan Cross and Gail Lyon discussing the Festival of Lights and Carols and First Fairfax with Mayor Lederer. A new show will begin January 19.

Programs are shown at 7 pm Thursdays.

## **Focal Point Plays Mondays**

At 6 pm Mondays, Cityscreen-12 will cablecast programs produced by Fairfax School Academy of Communications students.

## **The Fairfax Scene**

Through January 14, *The Fairfax Scene* will feature highlights from the Festival of Lights and Carols. Beginning January 15, enjoy highlights from First Fairfax.

*The Fairfax Scene* plays at 2 pm daily and at 7 pm Saturdays and Sundays.

## **Planning Commission Meetings**

Monday, January 9, 7:30 pm, LIVE  
Tuesday, January 10, 10 am, replay  
Thursday, January 12, 8 pm, replay  
Monday, January 23, 7:30 pm, LIVE  
Tuesday, January 24, 10 am, replay  
Thursday, January 26, 8 pm, replay

## **City Council Meetings, Work Sessions**

Tuesday, January 10, 7 pm, LIVE  
Wednesday, January 11, 10 am, 7 pm  
Friday, January 13, 10 am, 7 pm  
Tuesday, January 24, 7 pm, LIVE  
Wednesday, January 25, 10 am, 7 pm  
Friday, January 27, 10 am, 7 pm

## **City Council Meetings Shown on Channel 35**

City Council meetings are shown on Cox Communications Channel 35 at 10 am

Sundays and at 8 pm Tuesdays following the live cablecast of the meeting.

## **Encore!**

On weeks when no meetings are scheduled, Cityscreen-12 will televise an encore performance of the City of Fairfax Band.

## **Summer Concerts**

Enjoy taped performances of the Summer Concert Series at 4 pm daily.

## **DVD, VHS Copies Available**

A limited number of DVD and VHS copies of Cityscreen-12 programs are available for loan from the Community Relations Office in City Hall (703-385-7803) and in the Fairfax City Regional Library Virginia Room (703-246-2123).

Cityscreen-12 programming may be recorded directly from the television for private use.

Programs also may be purchased for \$15 each. For information, call 703-385-7803.

**Programming is subject to change — see Cityscreen-12 to confirm the programming schedule.**



## **Proposed Agendas for City Council, Planning Commission, School Board**

**City Council (for information, call 703-385-7935)**

*January 10 regular meeting and work session*

- Public hearing to consider an appropriation resolution in the amount of \$44.8 million to fund the second of two phases of planned improvements to Fairfax High School and Lanier Middle School.
- Presentation of the Business Improvement District Budget for fiscal year 2005-2006.

*January 24 regular meeting and work session*

- Presentation of the 2005 Audit Report.

**Planning Commission (for information, call 703-385-7930)**

*January 9 regular meeting*

*January 23 regular meeting*

- No agenda items have been set.

**School Board (for information, call 703-385-7910)**

*January 9 regular meeting*

- Presentation of National Merit Certificates of Recognition.
- Student representative report.
- Presentation on Daniels Run Elementary School.
- Public hearing and school board action on the proposed budget for fiscal year 2006-07.
- Presentation by Superintendent George Stepp.

*January 23 work session*

- No agenda items have been set

**Meeting information is subject to change; call to confirm meeting information.**



## **SENIOR CENTER**

- Hone those driving skills with the AARP Driver Safety Course from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. January 17-18. Cost is \$10 and reservations are needed.
- Learn to play bridge in a free class from 10 a.m. to noon January 18.
- Submit your favorite recipe for the first Senior Center cookbook. Recipes are due February 17.
- Take the Easy Strength Training class at 10 a.m. Tuesdays. Cost is \$10. No reservations are needed.
- Receive free tax preparation assistance by appointment; call 703-385-7884.

Located at 4401 Sideburn Road, the Senior Center is open from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. weekdays. The center follows the Fairfax County Public Schools inclement weather closure and delay schedule.

**INFORMATION: 703-359-2487**



# NEWS AND NOTES

## Barklage Receives Virginia's Highest Awards for EMS

City of Fairfax Fire Department Battalion Chief Donald R. Barklage has received two awards for excellence in emergency medical service, including the highest award in the commonwealth.

Northern Virginia EMS Council Inc. awarded Barklage its highest regional award for excellence in emergency medical services for 2005. That, in turn, qualified him for the commonwealth's highest award, which he won: the 2005 Commonwealth of Virginia Governor's Award for Excellence in EMS.

Barklage, who has been with the city since 1978, has chaired the Governor's EMS Advisory Board, as well as the Virginia Regulation and Policy Committee, and is a 20-year member and past president of the Northern Virginia EMS Council's Board of Directors.

The Northern Virginia EMS Council, Inc. is a non-profit corporation with representatives from Northern Virginia jurisdictions, as well as hospitals and the Metropolitan Washington Airport Authority. The council develops and implements regional emergency medical services delivery systems in partnership with Virginia's Office of Emergency Medical Services and the Governor's EMS Advisory Board.

For information, call 703-385-7940.

## Neighborhood Concerns Hotline Available

City residents and business owners may call 703-385-7800 to report suspected zoning and code violations for both residential and commercial properties. Calls are confidential, and callers may remain anonymous.

The phone line is answered from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays (excluding holidays). In case of emergency, call 911.

Citizens of course may directly contact the offices that deal with suspected violations. For possible zoning violations, call 703-385-7820 and for suspected code violations, call 703-385-7830. Information on city zoning and the City Code also is available on the city's Web site.

For information, call 703-385-7850.

## Citizens Invited to Attend, View City Council Meetings

Citizens are encouraged to attend meetings and work sessions of the Mayor and City Council. Citizens may address the Mayor and City Council during regular meetings. To sign up to speak at a meeting, call 703-385-7935 or e-mail [cityclerk@fairfaxva.gov](mailto:cityclerk@fairfaxva.gov).

Meetings and work sessions are televised live and replayed on Cityscreen-12, the city's cable television station, as well as on Cox Communications Channel 35. See page 5 or watch Cityscreen-12 for programming information.

Copies of televised City Council meetings and work sessions may be purchased in DVD and VHS formats for \$15 from the Community Relations Office. A limited number of VHS tapes and DVDs also are available for loan, and reservations are recommended. For information, call 703-385-7803 or e-mail [rroth@fairfaxva.gov](mailto:rroth@fairfaxva.gov).

Copies also are available for loan from the Virginia Room of the Fairfax City Regional Library. For information, call 703-293-6383.

## Speakers Available for Community Meetings

Community organizations may

request a speaker for their meetings from a number of different organizations, including the City of Fairfax Police Department (703-385-7946), City of Fairfax Fire Department (703-385-7940) and the George Mason University Speakers Bureau (703-993-8846).

## Decal Enforcement Strengthened Throughout Area

Ten Northern Virginia jurisdictions have joined forces to form the Northern Virginia Decal Enforcement Compact and have begun strict enforcement of vehicle decal laws.

By law, all vehicles garaged in most Northern Virginia jurisdictions should have displayed the current green decal by November 15, 2005.

Now, law enforcement personnel in the Northern Virginia Decal Enforcement Compact will issue tickets to drivers of vehicles found in their jurisdiction without decals or with expired decals from any of the participating jurisdictions (City of Fairfax, City of Alexandria, City of Falls Church, City of Manassas, Arlington County, Fairfax County, Loudoun County, Town of Herndon, Town of Leesburg and Town of Middleburg).

For information on city vehicle decals, call 703-385-7900.

### Emergency Preparedness Checklist

- ☞ water for 3-5 days
- ☞ non-perishable food for 3-5 days, manual can opener, disposable plates and utensils
- ☞ non-electric telephone
- ☞ first aid supplies
- ☞ medications
- ☞ battery-powered radio
- ☞ flashlight
- ☞ duct tape
- ☞ cash/travelers checks
- ☞ clothing (one or two complete clothing changes)
- ☞ bedding
- ☞ tools (including extra batteries, matches)
- ☞ toiletry items, including prescription drugs
- ☞ special needs items (for elderly, ill, children, pets)
- ☞ important documents
- ☞ entertainment (books, games)

Put items in airtight containers.  
Keep ready in case utilities are down  
or evacuation is needed.

## Be Ready and Make A Plan

Keep ahead of winter weather and other emergencies — make a basic home emergency supply kit with items and food that would sustain each person in the home for three days. (See list at left or check with the Fire Department for recommendations.) Store one kit at home and put a smaller version in an airtight container in the car.

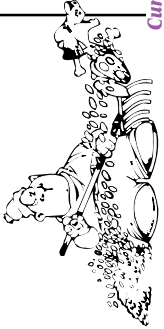




Remember to change the food and water every six months and check the supplies and re-think individual needs every year.

Pick up "Z Cards" to provide emergency preparedness information and space for individual emergency planning for the entire family. Z Cards are available in Room 311 of City Hall. For information, call 703-385-7940 or visit [www.makeaplan.org](http://www.makeaplan.org).



# City of Fairfax Community Calendar

# January 2006

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> New Year's Day No CUE Bus service 	<b>2</b> New Year's Day (observed) Trash and recyclables collected as usual City government office closed General District Court closed CUE Bus runs on a Saturday schedule	<b>3</b> Board of Zoning Appeals meeting, 7 pm, City Hall	<b>4</b> InterService Club Council meeting, noon, Red Lobster Board of Architectural Review meeting, 7:30 pm, City Hall	<b>5</b> Drivers are reminded that Virginia law requires them to turn on their vehicle's headlights when the vehicle's windshield wipers are in use. Information: 703-385-7924.	<b>6</b> Bingo, 7:30 pm, Fire Station 3 (proceeds benefit the Fairfax Volunteer Fire Department) Saxophone Symposium Concert, 8 pm, GMU Center for the Arts U.S. Navy Band, 8 pm, GMU Center for the Arts	<b>7</b> U.S. Navy Band Commodores, 8 pm, GMU Center for the Arts
Curbside leaf collection continues through January 9. Information: 703-385-7995.						
<b>8</b> Lecture: Native Americans in Fairfax County by Mike Johnson, 2 pm, Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center U.S. Marine Band, 2 pm, GMU Center for the Arts	<b>9</b>  NVCC spring semester begins Planning Commission meeting, 7:30 pm, City Hall (televised live and replayed on Cityscreen-12) School Board meeting, 7:30 pm, City Hall	<b>10</b> City Council meeting and work session, 7 pm, City Hall (televised live and replayed; see page 5)	<b>11</b> Cold Nose, Cold Toes! (ages 2-5), 10:30 am, Fairfax City Regional Library	<b>12</b> Park and Recreation Advisory Board meeting, 7 pm, Green Acres Center FamilySearch Introduction class, 7 pm, Fairfax City Regional Library	<b>13</b> Lee-Jackson Day City government offices open and all services provided as usual General District Court closed Bingo, 7:30 pm, Fire Station 3 Karen Johnson and Carlos Cesar Rodriguez, 8 pm, Old Town Hall	<b>14</b> Microsoft Access class, 2:30 pm, Fairfax City Regional Library Irish Set and Ceilí Dance, 7:30 pm, Green Acres Center
<b>15</b> Events at George Mason University, including concerts and student activities, may affect traffic in the city. Information: today.gmu.edu, 703-993-1000	<b>16</b>  Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Trash and recyclables collected as usual City government offices closed General District Court closed CUE Bus runs on a Saturday schedule	<b>17</b> Commission for Women meeting, 7:15 pm, City Hall Commission on the Arts meeting, 7:30 pm, Green Acres Center Book discussion: Witness by Karen Hesse, 7:30 pm, Fairfax City Regional Library	<b>18</b> Board of Architectural Review meeting, 7:30 pm, City Hall	<b>19</b> Bundle Up! (ages 3-5), 10:30 am, Fairfax City Regional Library Friday Morning Music Club, 11 am, Old Town Hall Independence Day Celebration Committee, 7 pm, Green Acres Center	<b>20</b> Bingo, 7:30 pm, Fire Station 3 (proceeds benefit the Fairfax Volunteer Fire Department) Royal Philharmonic Orchestra, 8 pm, GMU Center for the Arts Theater of the First Amendment: Lift, Icarus and Me, GMU Harris Theater	<b>21</b> Historic Fairfax City, Inc. meeting, 8:45 am, City Hall Town hall meeting with Senator Jeannemarie Devolites Davis, 12:30-2:30 pm, City Hall Fairfax Symphony Orchestra, 8 pm, GMU Center for the Arts
<b>22</b> Lift: Icarus and Me by the Theater of the First Amendment, 4 pm, Harris Theater	<b>23</b>  GMU spring semester begins Planning Commission meeting, 7:30 pm, City Hall (see page 5) School Board work session, 7:30 pm, Lanier Middle School Task Force on Children and Families, 7:30 pm, City Hall	<b>24</b> City Council meeting and work session, 7 pm, City Hall (televised live and replayed; see page 5)	<b>25</b> Winter Weather Wonders (ages 2-5), 10:30 am, Fairfax City Regional Library Business Research Using Library Databases class, 7 pm, Fairfax City Regional Library	<b>26</b> Community Appearance Committee, 7:30 pm, City Hall	<b>27</b> Bingo, 7:30 pm, Fire Station 3 (proceeds benefit the Fairfax Volunteer Fire Department) The Black Watch and Band of the Welsh Guard: The Pipes, Drums, and Highland Dancers of 1st Battalion, 2 pm, 8 pm, GMU Center for the Arts	<b>28</b> Town hall meeting with U.S. Representative Tom Davis, 11 am to 2 pm, City Hall The Black Watch and Band of the Welsh Guard: The Pipes, Drums, and Highland Dancers of 1st Battalion, 2 pm, 8 pm, GMU Center for the Arts
<b>29</b> American Youth Philharmonic Orchestra, 1 pm, GMU Center for the Arts Young Artists Piano Musicales, 6 pm, GMU Center for the Arts Keyboard Conversations with Jeffrey Siegel, 7 pm, GMU Center for the Arts	<b>30</b> Find out about city government activities and closures through a number of venues: calling 703-273-1776, watching Cityscreen-12, signing up for eMAS and visiting the city's Web site.	<b>31</b>	 <p>Chocolate Lovers Festival February 4-5, 2006 City of Fairfax, Virginia</p> <p>will be held February 4-5 in Old Town Fairfax! For information, visit <a href="http://www.chocolatefestival.net">www.chocolatefestival.net</a> or call 703-385-1661.</p>			

## Helpful Phone Numbers

City government information ..... 703-385-7855  
 City News and Events Line ..... 703-273-1776  
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 Fairfax City Regional Library ..... 703-293-6227  
 Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center ..... 703-385-8414  
 FHS Sports Line ..... 703-749-8130  
 GMU events ..... 703-993-1007  
 Information is subject to last-minute change.



# ARTS, CULTURE & RECREATION

## 'Club Lanier' Opens in January

Middle school students now have a place of their own: a new after-school program at Sidney Lanier Middle School, 3710 Bevan Drive.

Current seventh and eighth graders will have after-school activities from 3-6 p.m. weekdays and costs \$25 per week.

The program is overseen by the city's Department of Parks and Recreation and the staff at Lanier Middle School. For information, call 703-385-7858.

## Irish Dance Held January 14

Step out with Ceili and Irish set dancing January 14 at Green Acres Center. Take a quick lesson at 7 p.m. then, at 7:30 p.m., step into the dance.

Held on the second Saturday of each month, the dance is sponsored by the Comhaltas Ceoltoiri Eireann (CCE) and music is provided by The Bog Wanderers and Friends. There is an admission fee. For information, call 703-369-7132.

## Take a Little Trip

For reservations, call 703-385-7858.

- Cheer on the Washington Wizards against the 76ers January 16 or the

- Miami Heat April 8. Cost is \$90 each.
- Family Daytrippers can explore the **National Aquarium** in Baltimore January 17. Cost is \$35 for adults and \$25 for children.
- Root for the **Capitals** when they play the Penguins February 11. Cost is \$30.
- Visit the Jersey shore with a trip to **Atlantic City** February 18. Cost is \$50.
- Travel to the **Philadelphia Flower Show** March 5. Cost is \$60 for adults and \$50 for children ages 2-12.

## Classes Offered

For reservations, call 703-385-7858.

- **Pilates** (begins January 3)
- **B-Fit Express** (begins January 4)
- **Kids & Me Yoga** (begins January 4)
- **Seniortize** (begins January 4)
- **Yoga** (begins January 5)
- **Irish social dance** (begins January 10)
- **Women's soccer clinic** (begins January 11)
- **Youth soccer** (begins February 1)
- **Baby and Me Playgroup** (begins February 7)
- **Ballet/Pre-Ballet** (begins February 9)
- **Wee Tumble and Play** (begins February 10)

- **Gym riders** (begins February 11)
- **Toddler Time** (begins February 13)
- **Creative movement/ballet** (begins February 18)
- **Happy Feet** (begins February 21)
- **Clogging** (begins February 22)
- **After-school art** (begins February 27)

## Teen Center Activities

The City of Fairfax Teen Center is open for teens grades 6-9 from 6:30-10:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays at the Green Acres Center, 4401 Sideburn Road.

A number of activities are planned, including a trip to the Springfield Mall January 7 and Pizza Night January 21. Costs may be associated with activities, and the center closes during off-site activities. For information, call 703-385-7978.

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**The City of Fairfax needs YOU!**  
Volunteer at any of the city's  
many special events  
throughout the year.  
For information, e-mail  
[information@fairfaxva.gov](mailto:information@fairfaxva.gov)  
or call 703-385-7855.

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**For more information, call the Parks and Recreation Department at 703-385-7858 (TTY: 703-273-0840).**



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